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SUBJ: SHIPMENT OF PORCELAIN ANTIQUES FOR VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER

- 1. MR. PINTO LEITE, REPRESENTATIVE OF ESPIRITO SANTO FOUNDATION, HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO FORWARD VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH, 2 SMALL PORCELAIN SWANS BELONGING TO VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER.
- 2. SWANS ARE INSURED AT \$40 THOUSAND EACH. SWANS LOANED TO ESPIRITO SANTO FOUNDATION BY VP ROCKEFELLER SO THAT THEY COULD MANUFACTURE BRONZE CANDELABRAS INCORPORATING SWANS IN DESIGN. CANDELABRAS PROPER WILL BE EXPORTED VIA REGULAR COMMERCIAL MEANS BY FOUNDATION TO VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER.
- 3. PORTUGUESE CUSTOMS FORBID EXPORTATION OF ART OBJECTS VALUED AT MORE THAN \$12 HUNDRED AND FOUNDATION FEARS THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SHIP SWANS VIA COMMERCIAL MEANS OR THAT THEY MAY BE CONFISCATED IF THEY TRY.
- 4. REQUEST DEPT CHECK WITH VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ON FACTS CITED PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.
- 5. IF FACTS LEGITIMATE, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS. GIVEN VALUE OF OBJECTS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS CLASSIFIED POUCH. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS PACKAGE FOR VICE PRESIDENT WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. EMBASSY RSO WILL OVERSEE PACKING. WEIGHT OF PACKAGE ESTIMATED AT 20 LBS. OKUN
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